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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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LONDON FOR AMB EILTS

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FAHMY GOES TO PARIS

1. RADIO AND WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT FONMIN FAHMY HAD ARRIVED IN PARIS TODAY TOOK CAIRO BY SURPRISE. FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE SAYS FRENCH AMB WAS CALLED VERY EARLY THIS MORNING BY FAHMY, WHO THEN DEPARTED ON SPECIAL GOE AIRCRAFT AT 0830. FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE WAS SURPRISED THAT PRESS WAS ON TO FAHMY'S TRIP, AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN SECRET.

2. CHARGE REACHED ACTING FONMIN MOHAMMED RIAD THIS EVENING BY PHONE BUT LEARNED ONLY THAT FAHMY HAD GONE TO CONSULT GISCARD ABOUT LEBANON, WHERE SITUATION HAD BECOME SERIOUS. RIAD WOULD ONLY SAY THAT FAHMY WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT LATER ABOUT HIS CONSULTATIONS. FAHMY IS EXPECTED BACK TOMORROW EVENING OR SATURDAY.

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3. TRIP MUST HAVE BEEN HURRIEDLY ARRANGED IN WAKE OF LATEST SYRIAN OFFENSIVE IN LEBANON. OUR CONTACTS DURING DAY WITH FONMINISTRY GAVE NO INDICATION THAT SUCH TRIP WAS IN OFFING AND EARLY MORNING CALL TO FRENCH AMB SUGGESTS DECISION TO SEND FAHMY WAS MADE DURING LAST NIGHT.
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